NATIONAL COUNCIL TO COMBAT BLINDNESS, INC.
(THE FIGHT FOR SIGHT)
30 Central Park South (West 59 St.)
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REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
APRIL 1, 1955 - MARCH 31, 1956

The National Council to Combat Blindness, Inc. was incorporated under the New York State Membership Corporation Law on September 19, 1946, for the primary purpose of enlisting public interest in, and support for research into the causes of - and the treatments and cures for - blinding eye diseases and visual impairments.

The Council has a threefold program:-

1. EDUCATION: To gather and disseminate the facts with regard to the needs in the field of eye research and the potential of such research.

2. RESEARCH: To make research grants to accredited medical colleges and eye centers, and to finance fellowships in ophthalmology and its related sciences.

3. SERVICE: To aid persons seeking guidance as to available accredited eye specialists and eye centers and referral to appropriate agencies offering counsel and assistance in the field of rehabilitation and welfare.

AUXILIARIES

The Fight for Sight League of Bensonhurst

The Fight for Sight League of the Bronx

The Fight for Sight League of Essex County

The Fight for Sight League of Flatbush

The Fight for Sight League of Greater Miami

The Fight for Sight League of Long Island

The Fight for Sight League of Manhattan

The Fight for Sight League of the Main Line of Philadelphia

The Fight for Sight League of Mt. Airy of Philadelphia

The Fight for Sight League of Oxford Circle of Philadelphia

The Fight for Sight League of Sheepshead Bay

The Fight for Sight League of Westchester

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Arnold Reuben Fight for Sight Fund

NOTE: The National Council to Combat Blindness, Inc. Auxiliaries employ no paid workers. Funds gathered by the auxiliaries are channeled to the parent organization and administered by it.

ADMINISTRATION:

The Council administers its program with a staff consisting of an Executive Director, part-time Director of Research, Administrative Assistant, secretarial and clerical personnel.

The staff is augmented on a regular basis by the voluntary services of the Chairman and members of the Scientific Advisory Committee, as heretofore described. Volunteers on every level assist the Council in carrying forward and administering its program. This includes publicists, public relations counselors, case workers and clerical aids. From time to time, based on program demands, additional personnel are engaged.

The accounts of the National Council to Combat Blindness, Inc. are audited periodically by Certified Public Accountants. Council funds are protected by all-risk insurance, and officers and staff members are bonded.

Contributions and membership dues are deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes, pursuant to Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Bequests are deductible for Estate Tax purposes pursuant to Section 2055 of the Internal Revenue Code.

NATIONAL COUNCIL TO COMBAT BLINDNESS, INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1956

RECEIPTS			
Membership		$ 17,402.65	
Contributions		99,576.43	
Special Events		8,029.42	
Lights On (net proceeds)		22,612.94	
Michael & Rose Tenzer Memorial Research Fund		3,008.87	
Arnold Reuben Fight for Sight Fund		5,395.50	
Martha Failing Bequest		25,850.58	
Project Refunds (prior year's appropriations)		1,054.27	
Interest Earned		1,601.64	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			$184,532.30
DISBURSEMENTS			
Program			
Public Information and Education	$17,945.18		
Case Service	2,216.68		
Research, Supplemental	5,596.98		
Research Appropriation from current year's receipts:			
Grants & Fellowships	75,000.00		
Special Projects	25,850.58		
Total Program		$126,609.42	
Operational			
Administrative	$ 9,062.04		
Fund Raising	9,710.32		
Total Operational		18,772.36	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			145,381.78
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements			$ 39,150.52

The above summary is an excerpt from a complete Financial Statement prepared by Gordon, Kraus & Company, Certified Public Accountants of 122 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.

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The Scientific Advisory Committee sets the policy for the organization's research and case service program. This committee meets annually for the purpose of reviewing applications, and allocating funds for Fight for Sight grants-in-aid and fellowship awards. It reviews reports, manuscripts and papers submitted by investigators working under Fight for Sight research awards. The members of this Committee, in addition, serve in consultative capacity to the Executive Director in the year-round activities related to research, public education and information, and case service.

The services of the members of the Scientific Advisory Committee are rendered without compensation.

At its meeting, held in June 1954, the Committee added to the Council's program of grants-in-aid and full-time research fellowships, the financing of summer fellowships, as a means of encouraging students of medicine and the basic sciences to enter the field of ophthalmic investigation. The Committee has at subsequent meetings extended the fellowship program to include, from time to time, traveling and part-time research fellowships.

NATIONAL COUNCIL TO COMBAT BLINDNESS, INC.

FIGHT FOR SIGHT AWARDS
As Approved by the Scientific Advisory Committee
at its meeting held June 3, 1956

GRANTS-IN-AID

INVESTIGATOR	INSTITUTION	PROJECT TITLE
Endre A. Balacz, M.D.	Retina Foundation 30 Chambers Street Boston, Mass.	Studies on the cortical layers of the vitreous body, with special regard to its mucopolysaccharides content.
Goodwin M. Breinin, M.D.	Department of Ophthalmology, New York University-Bellevue Med. Center 550 First Ave., N.Y.C.	Electromyography of the extraocular muscles including stimulation studies and evaluation of drug effects on the action currents.
Robert Brunish, Ph.D.	School of Medicine University of Calif. at Los Angeles Los Angeles, Calif.	Hyaluronic acid and hyaluronidase in ocular tissue.
Max Chamlin, M.D.	Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Yeshiva University Eastchester Rd. & Morris Park Ave., N.Y.C. (61)	Development of equipment and a method for the determination of a previously unused isopter in the intermediate field of vision, and the determination of this isopter in normal subjects.
Max Chamlin, M.D.	Same	Size of the normal blind spot: Physiological variations and variations due to techniques used in measurement.
Paul Anton Cibis, M.D.	Dept. of Opthalmology School of Medicine Washington University St. Louis 10, Missouri	Histo-pathology of the eye with oblique illumination.

GRANTS-IN-AID

INVESTIGATOR	INSTITUTION	PROJECT TITLE
Bruce Edmond Cohan, M.D.	Dept. of Ophthalmology Univ. of Chicago Clinics Chicago, Illinois	Outflow of aqueous humor: An experimental study using radio-opaque materials.
Robert S. Coles, M.D.	Post-Graduate Medical School, N.Y. University Bellevue Med. Center 550 First Ave., N.Y.C.	The evaluation of anti-streptolysin titers in patients with uveitis as part of a comprehensive program for the study of this disease in the Dept. of Opthalmology at N.Y.U. Bellevue Medical Center.
Levon K. Garron, M.D.	School of Medicine University of Calif. San Francisco, Calif.	Special histopathologic study of endogenous uveitis.
Harry Green, Ph.D.	Wills Eye Hospital Philadelphia 30, Pa.	Intraocular pressure and the bicarbonate ion concentration in animal eyes.
Dan M. Gordon, M.D.	New York Hospital Cornell Med. Center 525 E. 68th St. N.Y.C.	Application of visual aids in patients with subnormal vision.
John E. Harris, Ph.D.,M.D.	Univ. of Oregon Medical School 3181 S.W. Sam Jackson Park R., Portland, Ore.	Excretion of melanocyte stimulating hormone in patients with certain ocular diseases.
Jerry Hart Jacobson, M.D.	New York Eye & Ear Infirmary 218 Second Ave., N.Y.C.	Electroretinography in retinal disease: Electrophysiology of the eye.
P.J.Leinfelder, M.D.	Dept. of Ophthalmology State University of Iowa University Hospitals Iowa City, Iowa	The effect of change of pH in the aqueous on metabolism of the lens and cornea.

GRANTS-IN-AID

INVESTIGATOR	INSTITUTION	PROJECT TITLE
I.C. Michaelson, M.D.	Dept. of Ophthalmology Hadassah Univ. Hospital Jerusalem, Israel	I. Factors affecting new vessel growth in the cornea. II. Changes in hyaluronic acid content of vitreous in physiological and pathological conditions.
Yukihiko Mitsui, M.D.	Dept. of Ophthalmology Kumamoto University Medical School, Honjo-machi, Kumamotoshi, Japan	Study of trachoma virus by cultivation and electron microscopy.
Burton M. Pogell, Ph.D.	Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute, Johns Hopkins University Medical School Baltimore 5, Md.	Metabolism and turnover of mucopolysaccharides in cornea and lens.
Magin Puig Solanes, M.D.	General Hospital Mexico, D. F.	Comparative anatomical and physiological study of the structures related to the maintenance of intraccular pressures in Mexican Indians, "mestizos", and white people.
Jun Tsutsui, M.D.	Dept. of Opthalmology Okayama Univ. Medical School, Okayama-shi, Japan	Clinical and virological studies on trachoma, especially immunity, spontaneous cure and tumor-like nature of the infected tissues.

GRANTS-IN-AID

INVESTIGATOR	INSTITUTION	PROJECT TITLE
Jerome J. Wolken, Ph.D.	Biophysics Research Lab. University of Pittsburgh, Eye and Ear Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Photoreceptor structures.
William C. Frayer, M.D Francis Heed Adler, M.D.	Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, Pa.	A study of the factors involved in the proliferation of the retinal pigment epithelium in disease.
Louise L. Sloan, Ph.D.	Wilmer Institute Johns Hopkins Hospital Baltimore, Maryland	Evaluation of reading aids for patients with sub-normal vision.

GRANTS-IN-AID

INVESTIGATOR	INSTITUTION	PROJECT TITLE
Edgar Auerbach, M.D.	Hadassah University Hospital Jerusalem, Israel	Light and Color Perception.

Time Extension - GRANTS-IN-AID

V. J. Ellerbrock, Ph.D.	Ohio State University School of Optometry Columbus, Ohio	Subnormal Vision.
William Rosenthal, M.D.	Tulane University School of Medicine New Orleans, Louisiana	A Genetic and Ophthalmic Study of a Family Showing Acromegaly, usually Abnormalities of the Skin, and Corneal Dystrophy.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

FELLOW & INSTITUTION	DIRECT SUPERVISOR	PROJECT TITLE
Albert B. Chatzinoff, M.D. Mt. Sinai Hospital Dept. of Ophthalmology Fifth Ave. & 100th Street New York, N. Y.	Frederick Theodore, M.D.	Chronic Deficiency of 11-Cis Vitamin A as the Possible Etiology of Retinitis Pigmentosa.
Anthony Donn, M.D. Institute of Ophthal. London, W.C.1, England	David Maurice, M.D.	The Active Transport of Ions Across the Corneal Epithelium and Endothelium.
Tibor George Farkas Department of Anatomy Western Reserve Univ. Cleveland, Ohio	Normand L. Hoerr, M.D.	Role of Insulin in the Metabolism of the Lens.
Harding Ernest Bishop Department of Anatomy University of Chicago Chicago, Illinois	Prof. Isidore Gersh	Retinal Ultrastructure and Possible Functional Changes in Retinal Ultrastructure.
John A. Pratt-Johnson, M.D. Wilmer Eye Institute Baltimore, Maryland	A. E. Maumenee, M.D.	Corneal Transplantation with Particular Reference to Elimination of the Delayed Sensitivity Reaction as a Result of Homotransplantation. Also the Metabolism and Turnover of Mucopolysaccharides in Cornea and Lens, as well as Other Chemical and Allergic Reactions which Take Place in the Recipient's Eye.

STUDENT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Irwin Willard Abrahams N.Y.U.-Post-Graduate Medical School Department of Ophthalmology New York, N. Y.	Antonio Fernando, M.D.	A Study of Radioactive Labelled Antigens in Experimental Uveitis.
Boris Andrst N.Y.U.-Bellevue Medical School Department of Ophthalmology New York, N. Y.	George N. Wise, M.D.	Pathogenosis of Retinal Microaneurysms.

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Leslie Allan Bard Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute Johns Hopkins Hospital Baltimore, Maryland	Burton Pogell, M.D.	Possible Intermediates in the Corneal Synthesis of Mucopolysaccharides.
Arthur Berken Washington University School of Medicine Department of Ophthal. St. Louis, Missouri	Bernard Becker, M.D.	The Study of Retinal and Renal Capillaries.
Robert Emmet Moran, Jr. Wilmer Institute Johns Hopkins Hospital Baltimore, Maryland	A. E. Maumenee, M.D.	Corneal Transplantation with Particular Reference to Elimination of the Delayed Sensitivity Reaction as a Result of Homotransplantation.
Richard B. Oglesby Washington University School of Medicine Department of Ophthal. St. Louis, Missouri	Bernard Becker, M.D.	The Effect of Trauma on Aqueous Flow.
Melvin Lynne Rubin University of California Medical School Francis I. Proctor Foundation San Francisco, California	Michael J. Hogan, M.D.	The Anti-Toxoplasmic Activity of Three Chemotherapeutic Agents.
Ernest H. Shin Biophysics Research Lab. Eye and Ear Hospital University Medical Center Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	J. J. Wolken, Ph.D.	Kinetic Studies Related to Bleaching of Visual and Photosynthetic Pigments.
Lawrence Isom University of California School of Medicine Francis I. Proctor Foundation San Francisco, California	William K. McEwen, Ph.D.	Production and Measurements of Experimental Glaucoma in Monkeys.

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